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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

RE: PCT/US00/05458  
International Filing Date: 03/02/00  
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Applicant: Kawaguchi et al.  
Title: NONSLUDGING ZINC PHOSPHATING COMPOSITION AND PROCESS  
Applicants' Reference: M6712 HST/NI PCT/US

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:  
Prior to substantive examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following  
Amendments.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, after the title, insert the following starting on a new line:

A1  
--This application claims priority from Japanese application H11-54834, filed March 2, 1999, and  
International application PCT/US00/05458 (published in English), filed March 2, 2000.--

Page 12 (Replacement Page 12, as submitted on 1 May 2000 to the USPTO acting as the  
Receiving Office in the International application from which this application claims priority), amend line  
1 to read as follows:

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What is claimed is: